

Georgia Department of Human Resources

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN GEORGIA

Nationally:

- On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends every day in the United States.
- Homicide is the leading cause of death among pregnant women.
- 76% of intimate partner murder victims had been stalked by their intimate partner
- 1 in every 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.
- Witnessing violence between one's caretakers is the strongest risk factor of transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next.
- More than half of female victims of intimate violence live in homes with children under the age of 12.
- Studies suggest that between 3.3 to 10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually
- One in five teens in a serious relationship reports having been hit, slapped, or pushed by a partner.

Georgia:

- Domestic violence continues to be a leading cause of injuries for girls and women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the state of Georgia.
- Georgia ranks **7th** in the country for its rate of female homicide.
- 96,110 crisis calls were made to domestic violence shelters in 2006.
- Georgia's certified family violence programs provided shelter for 4,588 adults and 4,788 children with a total of 234,834 shelter nights in 2006.
- 32% of domestic violence-related incidents were committed by a present or former spouse in Georgia.
- In 2003, almost 20% of 12th graders report being hit, slapped, or physically hurt on purpose by their boyfriend or girlfriend during the past 12 months.
- The Georgia Bureau of Investigation reports that law enforcement officers responded to 54,010 family violence incidents in 2006 with 19,524 children were involved in the total family violence incidents.

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- A statewide toll-free 24-hour crisis line: 1-800-33-HAVEN (334-2836) will automatically connect the caller to the nearest family violence agency.
- Outside of Georgia, a national toll free 24 hour crisis line 1-800-799-SAFE will automatically connect a caller to the nearest family violence agency.
- Georgia has 45 certified family violence shelters and one family violence program, operated by private, nonprofit organizations. They provide 24-hour crisis lines; legal and social service advocacy; children's programs; parenting support and education; emotional support; and community education. All of these agencies also offer emergency safe shelters. All services are free and confidential.

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